

Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program

This program provides financing to eligible Rural Utilities Service electric or telecommunications borrowers to promote rural economic development and job creation projects.

USDA Rural Development provides zero-interest rural economic development loans to local utilities, which are passed through to local businesses for projects that create and retain employment in rural areas. Local utility organizations use grants to establish revolving loan funds for projects that improve employment.



Rural Business Development Grants

These are competitive grants to encourage development or expansion of rural businesses. The grants may be used for targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities.

For More Information

Information on all USDA Rural Development programs is available online or from the office serving your area.

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Does your community need to buy, build, or improve a public-service project? We may be able to help. USDA Rural Development offers a number of programs providing long-term fixed rate financing for projects that:

- Improve infrastructure;
- Support public health and safety; or
- Promote economic development.

Assistance under these programs is available to applicants in areas designated as “rural.” Under law, the definition of “rural area” is different for each program.

Community Facilities Loans & Grants

We offer flexible, inexpensive funding available to improve your rural community. We can help you build large projects, like libraries, child-care facilities, and schools, and small ones like curbs and gutters, to make your community a better place to live. We provide direct loans and grants and work with private lenders to offer loan guarantees. Our guarantee makes it possible for the lender to provide a more affordable financing option.

Community Facilities assistance is available to public bodies, nonprofit organizations, and Federally Recognized Tribes to build, expand, or improve facilities and services for health care, education, public safety, and public services.

We encourage you to contact your local USDA Rural Development office to discuss a potential project, and to apply.

Community Facilities Programs are available to assist areas with populations up to 20,000.



Water and Waste Disposal Loans & Grants

Through this program we provide funding to extend and improve water, waste water, and solid waste disposal systems in rural areas. We also make preplanning and other technical assistance available to financially distressed rural communities looking to improve their water and waste disposal systems.

Water and waste disposal assistance is available to public bodies, nonprofit organizations, and Federally Recognized Tribes to build, expand, or improve facilities and services for safe, clean, and reliable water and sewer systems.

Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants are available to assist areas with populations up to 10,000.

